

Sudha's Amruthavarshini fetches rain everytime

Rama Sivasunbramanian, a rasika who enjoyed Sudha Ragnathan's concert shares her experience

I was fortunate enough to attend Sudha Ragnathan's concert on Jan 6, 2009 for Bharat Kalachar. I was just absorbing her style and delivery and was getting quite comfortable in enjoying the music that flowed with great ease, cascading and soothing the mind, along with the gentle breeze outside (it was almost an open air auditorium). Post the varnam and some krithis, Sudha Ragnathan dwelled on Amruthavarshini, where the neraval and swaras simply reigned supreme.

But then apparently, Sudha mentioned that it also rains supreme when this raaga is sung with the right chord!

She quoted her experiences at Denmark, Doha and Delhi, but also that she was not sure if it would rain that evening but was sure it would rain happiness for all in 2009.

Now, that was a very warm gesture and it made all of us smile...



But then, to wake up the following morning and realize that it actually did rain that night, and continued the rest of the day, something that is not akin or common in the month of Marghazhi, was a real stunner!

This only reiterates the fact that India, a country steeped in religion and tradition, has a rich culture and

heritage that endorses that when the tradition is practiced with the right amount of devotion and dedication, has the power to move mountains and the skies. It was truly an enchanting evening and it was as though the musician's prowess was acknowledged by nature that opened up the skies...